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In re Application of:

Simon Gerard HARDIN et al.

Serial No.: 09/988,579

Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: November 20, 2001

Examiner: Andrew L. OLTMANS

For: **PROCESS AND SOLUTION FOR PROVIDING A CONVERSION COATING
ON A METALLIC SURFACE II****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 20, 2003 (Paper No. 12), please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Attachment** including one copy of "Calculation of Total Chloride in Prior Art
Document WO 96/15292 AI Examples 37-39" and one copy of "Terminal Disclaimers To
Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent" follows page 11 of this paper.

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Re: Reply to Final Office Action of Patent Application with Serial No. 09/988,579**Our Ref.:** P67299US0

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Dear Mr. Oltmans:

Attached please find the Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action. According to previous telephone discussion, Applicant respectfully requests either a telephonic or an in-person interview should the application as presently amended not be in condition for allowance.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached documents were sent via facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the noted date.

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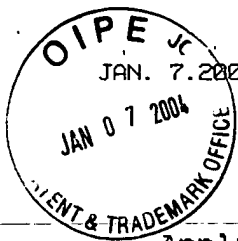
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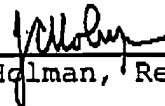
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